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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO TURKISH PRIME
MINISTER ECEVIT FROM SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MAY 12.
PLEASE CONFIRM DELIVERY TO ECEVIT PARTY.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I WAS INDEED DISAPPOINTED BY THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VOTE DECLINING TO SUP-
PORT OUR PROPOSAL TO LIFT THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. I
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WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE VOTE WAS CLOSER THAN THE 8-4
MARGIN WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST. FOUR SENATORS WERE ABSENT.
THREE OF THE FOUR FAVOR REPEALING THE EMBARGO AND, I THINK,
WILL SO VOTE ON THE SENATE FLOOR. THE FOURTH IS GENERALLY
UNDECIDED, BUT COULD NOT IN CONSCIENCE VOTE TO MAINTAIN THE
EMBARGO. THIS MEANS THERE COULD WELL HAVE BEEN AN 8-8 TIE.

2. WE INTEND TO SEE OUR FULL PROGRAM, INCLUDING PARTICULAR-
LY REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO, THROUGH BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE.
HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE TASK AHEAD WILL BE
DIFFICULT. I AM COMPLETELY COMMITTED TO SUPPORT WITH DETER-
MINATION THIS PROGRAM WHICH REFLECTS OUR MUTUAL DESIRE TO
REVITALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS
TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE
AREA.

3. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON
IN A FEW WEEKS. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. VANCE

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